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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of August 2, 2006. A constructive petition for a four-month extension of time under 1.136(a)(3) and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith.

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